

Exhibit No. 4Date 3-31-07Amendments to House Bill No. 819 Bill No. HB 819  
Committee Study Bill**DRAFT**

Requested by Senator Carol Williams

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page A-1.

**Following:** line 6**Insert:** "b. Self-Help Law Program (Restricted) 505,000  
505,000" [general fund FY08 and FY09]

2. Page A-1.

**Following:** line 23**Insert:** "Funds in Self-Help Law Program may be used only to provide and support the development, maintenance, and availability of self-help legal forms and instructions regarding civil legal proceedings in Montana's courts; the development of curriculum and materials suitable for classes and clinics about civil legal proceedings and forms; the development, updating, and provision of information and training materials for judges, clerks of court, other court officers, judicial branch employees, and volunteers about self-help legal resources and how to assist self-represented litigants in a manner that is impartial, facilitates effective and efficient court operations, and does not constitute providing direct legal representation; the establishment and maintenance of multimedia materials that provide information about Montana's civil laws, courts, rules, legal forms and available legal resources; coordination, recruitment and training of volunteer attorneys to provide legal advice and direct legal representation to persons with civil legal needs who are unable to pay for those services; and coordination and cooperation with other access to justice efforts."

- END - 505,000 070

Explanation - This amendment provides \$1,010,000 general fund for the biennium (\$505,000 a year) to support a self-help law program. This funding is added to the Supreme Court Operations Program within the judicial branch.